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RAJYA SABHA

**Amendment to Arbitration and Conciliation Act**

**1051. SHRI RAVI SHANKAR PRASAD:** Will the Minister of LAW, JUSTICE AND COMPANY AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Government are planning to amend the Arbitration and Conciliation Act to provide for speedier disposal of cases but keeping strict supervision by court in case involving resolutions of disputes between domestic companies;

(b) whether it is also a fact that a workshop was organised by Law Commission recently at Mumbai to work out guidelines that could be prescribed for fixation of fees of arbitrators and special code of ethics to govern arbitrators and lawyers; and

(c) if so, the details of the proposed provisions and the conclusions which came out during the workshop?

**THE MINISTER OF LAW, JUSTICE AND COMPANY AFFAIRS (SHRI ARUN JAITLEY):** (a) No, Sir.

(b) and (c) The Law Commission of India had organised a National Seminar on Review of Working of Arbitration and Conciliation Act, 1996 on 17.2.2001 at Mumbai in collaboration with the Indian Merchant Chambers to elicit views of the public on this subject. The Law Commission issued a Consultation Paper in this connection. However, their recommendations on the subject have not been received as yet.

**Reservation for women lawyers as judges of High Courts and Supreme Court**

**1052. DR. ALLADI P. RAJKUMAR:**

**SHRI SOLIPETA RAMACHANDRA REDDY:**

Will the Minister of LAW, JUSTICE AND COMPANY AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether there is a proposal to reserve posts for women lawyers as judges of High Courts and Supreme Court;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) if not, the action taken for giving a fair representation to women in the appointment of Judges?